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21 JAN 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THROUGH : Director of Security

SUBJECT : Purple Heart Type Award for Civilians

1. As I mentioned last evening, there are three proposed actions regarding Purple Heart type awards for civilians in which both Mr. Bannerman and Colonel White are quite interested. As the DD/S Member of the Honor and Merit Awards Board, you may be interested in the attached papers on the subject. It seems likely that if the Department of State develops a special award for U. S. Government civilians injured in the course of their duties they will drop the effort to obtain authorization to grant the existing Purple Heart to civilians. I believe you mentioned that the Board proposes the establishment of our own Purple Heart type award regardless of action by the Department of State. If at a later date the Department does establish a new award we might want to look into its adoption in lieu of the special award which we may establish.

2. It will be appreciated if you will follow State Department action as well as Agency action and periodically advise Mr. Bannerman, who in turn will want to advise Colonel White of the progress being made.

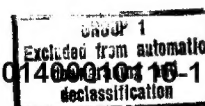
Executive Officer to the
Deputy Director for Support

6 Attachments

Att 1: Memo dtd 30 Sep 65 to ExDir-Compt fr DD/S
subj: Honor Awards

Att 2: Memo dtd 13 Oct 65 to Ex. Ofc to DD/S fr
Associate Gen Couns. subj: Proposal to Make
Purple Heart Available to Civilians

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- Att 3: Memo dtd 20 Oct 65 to ExDir-Compt fr DD/S
subj: Honor Awards**
- Att 4: Letter dtd 2 Nov 65 to L. K. White, DD/S, fr
William J. Crockett, Deputy Under Secretary
of State for Administration, concerning "proposal
for extending coverage of the Purple Heart."**
- Att 5: Memo for Record dtd 22 Dec 65 fr Associate Gen.
Counsel, subj: State Action on Substitute for
Purple Heart**
- Att 6: Memo for Record dtd 3 Jan 66 fr Associate Gen.
Counsel, subj: Department of State Action on
Purple Heart Type Award for Civilians**

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